Private funding in coal sector

1120. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Coal had asked the Cabinet Secretariat to constitute a Group of Ministers to recommend private funding in coal sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted on 11.12.2000 to look into various issues of coal sector including the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000. The Bill seeks to allow commercial mining of coal by all Indian companies without the restriction of captive use. With the installation of a new Government at the Centre, the GoM ceased to exist. In this regard, the Cabinet Secretariat has been requested on 30.5.2005 to reconstitute the GoM.

Sale of high grade coal at less price

†1121. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in connivance with some officers, high grade coal is being sold from the coal mines of NCL, Singrauli by paying the price of low grade coal which cause losses of crores of rupees every year;

(b) whether Government would send a team soon to look into the matter in order to prevent illegal selling of coal worth Rs. 1800/- per ton for just Rs. 800/- per ton; and

(c) if so, by when this team would be sent to Singrauli for secret investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.

Expansion projects of CIL

1122. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to augment coal supplies in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

country Coal India Ltd. is thinking of investing Rs. 3000 cores in coal expansion projects;

(b) if so, the details of coal projects in which CIL is going to invest as a part of its expansion plans;

(c) whether any proposal to this effect has been forwarded to the Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs; and

(d) in what way CIL would raise funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) 15 Major expansion/extension coal projects have been taken up for implementation during Tenth Plan period for an ultimate capacity of 72.25 Million tonnes per year and an investment of Rs. 7094.59 crores. These projects are envisaged to contribute about 52.76 Million tonnes of coal during the terminal year of Tenth Plan *i.e.* 2006-07.

Out of the above 15 projects, 9 projects have already been sanctioned for capital investment of Rs. 2670.59 crores with an ultimate capacity of 44.25 Million tonnes per year. These 9 projects are planned to contribute about 43.35 Million tonnes during the year 2006-07. Details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Out of 15 expansion projects planned to be taken up during Tenth Plan period. 7 projects are costing Rs. 100 crores and above, and need to be sanctioned by Government. Out of these 7 projects, 2 projects namely Dipika Expansion Opencast Project & Gevra Expansion opencast project of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) have already been sanctioned by Government and the remaining five projects are under process of Government approval. Details are enclosed as Annexure - 'A'

(d) All these projects are envisaged to be financed through internal resources/outsourcing option.

Statement

Details of major expansion projects of Tenth Plan to augment coal supplies

Sub-sidiary	Sl.	State	Projects	Type	PR Capacity (Mty.) (incr.)	Est. Capital (Rs. Crs.) (incr.)	Proj. Prodn. 06-07 (Mty.)	Remarks
APPROVED PROJECTS								
WCL	1	MH	Gondegaon Ext.	OC	0.75	27.54	0.60	Approved by Company Board
SECL	2	CH	Dipika Expn.	OC	10.00	856.59	8.20	Approved by Government
SECL	3	CH	Gevra Expn.	OC	13.00	1339.69	12.90	Approved by Government

Sub-sidiary	Sl.	State	Projects	Type	PR Capacity (Mty.) (inc.)	Est. Capital (Rs. Crs) (inc.)	Proj. Prodn. 06-07 (Mty.)	Remarks
SECL	4	CH	Baroud Expn.	OC	1.00	28.02	1.00	Approved by Company Board
MCL	5	OR	Lakhanpur Expn.	OC	5.00	98.74	5.00	Approved by CIL Board
MCL	6	OR	Lingaraj Expn.	OC	5.00	98.89	5.65	Approved by CIL Board
MCL	7	OR	Bharatpur Expn-II	OC	6.00	95.87	6.50	Approved by CIL Board
MCL	8	OR	Hingula II Expn.	OC	2.00	89.78	2.00	Approved by CIL Board
MCL	9	OR	Belpahar Expn.	OC	1.50	35.47	1.50	Approved by Company Board
			Sub Total:		44.25	2670.59	43.35	
Yet to be Approved Projects								
ECL	1	JH	Rajmahal Expansion	OC	6.50	648.50	1.00	Under process of Government approval
CCL	2	JH	Ashok Expn.	OC	5.00	458.18	5.50	Under process of Government approval
NCL	3	UP	Khadia Expn.	OC	6.00	1543.99		Under process of Government approval
NCL	4	MP	Amlohri Expn.	OC	6.00	1361.95		Under process of Government approval
WCL	5	MH	Bhatadih Expn.	OC	0.50	74.29		To be taken up by CIL Board after finalization of FSA
SECL	6	CH	Kusumunda Expn.	OC	4.00	337.09	2.91	Under process of Government approval
			Sub Total:		28.00	4424.00	9.41	
			TOTAL:		72.25	7094.59	52.76	

WCL—Western Coalfields Limited, SECL—South Eastern Coalfields Limited, MCL—Mahanandi Coalfields Limited, ECL—Eastern Coalfields Limited, NCL—Northern Coalfields Limited, CCL—Central Coalfields Limited

MH—Maharashtra, CH—Chhattisgarh, OR—Orissa, JH—Jharkhand, UP—Uttar Pradesh, MP—Madhya Pradesh,

Royalty on coal and lignite

1123. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of royalty given for coal and lignite mining for the respective State Governments;

(b) the royalty due to be paid to various States, as on date;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the royalty given for lignite mining; and